

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
MARCH 1, 2024

CALL TO ORDER/OPEN SESSION:

Chairperson Douglas Gantt called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. He noted that proper notice was given regarding the meeting to comply with the Freedom of Information Act. The agenda was circulated to the members (Attachment 1). Trustee Jameel Allen gave the invocation.

Board Members Present Via Zoom: Starlee Alexander, Jameel Allen, Louveta Dicks, Ronald Friday, Douglas Gantt, Rodney Jenkins, Monica Scott, Wilbur Shuler, and Macie Smith. *Ex-Officio Members:* Alexander Thierry. (via Zoom).

Board Members Absent: William Oden and Daniel Varat, Franklin Pressley, and Zyah Cephus.

Administrators & Others: *Provost, Frederick Evans; Vice President for Finance, Gerald Smalls and Outside General Counsel, Pete Balthazor; Administrative Coordinator and Recorder, Eartha Mosley.*

Media Via Zoom: *The Times and Democrat – Caleb Bozard.*

The Chair stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the contracts for Vice President of Athletics, Dr. Nathan Cochran, and Head Football Coach Chennis Berry.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairperson Gantt asked for the adoption of the agenda. *Trustee Ronald Friday made a motion to amend the agenda by adding an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Louveta Dicks. The Motion was approved.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chairperson asked the following persons to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Gerald Smalls, Trustee Hank Allen, and Dr. Nathan Cochran.

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Trustee Wilbur Shuler made the motion to come out of the Executive Session, it was seconded by Trustee Monica Scott. Motion Approved. There were no votes or actions taken in Executive Session. The Chair asked Student Affairs and Athletics Committee Chairperson Hank Allen to present.

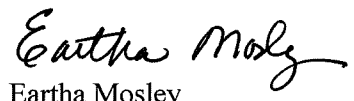
ATHLETICS CONTRACT APPROVAL

Committee Chairperson Allen shared that the committee for Student Affairs and Athletics reviewed two contracts, 1) Vice President of Athletics that was approved by the committee. The contract for *Vice President of Athletics, Dr. Nathan Cochran was approved by the Board of Trustees.* Committee Chairperson Allen also shared the committee for Student Affairs and Athletics reviewed the 2) contract for Head Coach Chennis Berry; however, since the review and, approval there have been some modifications to the contract. The modifications were approved, and a motion and vote would be required from the Board of Trustees. *Chairperson Gantt asked for a motion, Trustee Macie Smith made a motion to approve the Head Coach Football Contract, the motion was seconded by Trustee Louveta Dicks. The Motion Approved.*

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:59 AM.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eartha Mosley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eartha" and last name "Mosley" clearly distinguishable.

Eartha Mosley
Recorder

Attachments
1 – Agenda